

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract appearing on page 27, line 6 as follows:

The invention relates to a fixing device (1) for a cover (7) of a drainage channel, road or yard gully or similar surface drainage devices, said cover being placed on an upper rim of a channel body, runoff box or similar body (2) that can be embedded in the ground, with first fixing elements (10a) on the cover and second fixing elements (20a) on the body (2) embeddable in the ground, such that the first fixing elements and the second fixing elements in each case can be brought into snapping engagement with one another to retain the cover (7) on the body (2). The fixing device ~~described above is further developed in order to~~ achieves a secure locking of the cover by simple manipulation, while simultaneously optimizing the cover's seating. To accomplish this ~~For this purpose~~ the first fixing elements and/or the second fixing elements each comprise at least one damping section (26, 26') with a contact surface (21, 21') between the cover and the body embeddable in the ground, so that when locked in position the cover is spaced apart from the upper rim (6) of the body.